

## **Peer mentoring to support students with disabilities face-to-face meeting**

September 26/2013

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Greenwood Inn, Calgary

### **Agenda:**

#### Continental breakfast

- Welcome
- Introductions/icebreaker: Have participants interview another person they do not know. Find out names, a unique fact about each other, why they joined and what they hope to achieve for their students through the peer mentoring community of practice.
- What is a community of practice? (Use video from Literacy for All)
- Who are students with significant cognitive disabilities? (Slides from summer institute)
- Positive and hopeful language, and the importance of using it. (Activity?)
- Inspiring Education: How peer mentoring contributes to engaged learning and ethical citizenship for mentors and mentees.

#### BREAK

- Create a snapshot of your school community: Participants create and share graphic representations of their school communities including population information and opportunities for mentoring and resources to support mentoring.
- Activity analysing times and places where students with and without disabilities are in the same place, at the same time and doing the same things.

#### 12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH

- Overview of resources from the Alberta Mentoring Partnership
- The possibilities of peer networks: The first six segments of the Carter video with discussion using learning guides.
- Benefits, training, limitations and where to start: last five segments of Carter video, discussion with use of learning guides.
- Getting started with peer mentoring in your school: What are your next steps? The benefits of starting small! Refer to chapters 3 and 4 of Carter resource.
- Collaboration tools: wiki, ning, and overview of Blackboard/Elluminate webinar platform (Wanda)

- Dates, outlines of webinars, e-mails, face-to-face for year: Oct webinar, Nov webinar, Dec e-mail, Jan webinar, Feb e-mail, Mar e-mail, April webinar, May face-to face day.
- Possible topics for webinars/online meetings:
  - Recruiting and training mentors
  - Extra-curricular and service opportunities for mentoring
  - Sharing our stories
  - Keeping the momentum (CTS courses for next year)
- Survey and wrap-up (Wanda)

**Future Dates:**